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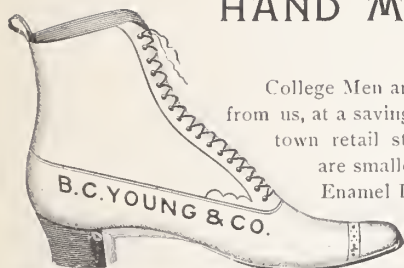
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EDITOR'S DESK.

THE annual parade passed off very successfully, and was highly praised by the Governor, school committee, teachers, and every one else who saw it. The daily press, even, was more complimentary than it sometimes is, although some of the local papers had to indulge their stock phrases—"bad alignment," "poor step," "saluting at too great distance from the reviewing officer," "unsoldierly bearing," etc.; but we could endure these unmerited criticisms, if we were only relieved from the distress of seeing the pictures and biographies—autobiographies(?)—of our officers in these same daily papers. Most of the portraits might be characterized as *imago et præterea nihil*. The general appearance of our own battalion was very good, especially on the homeward march when, we rather suspect, the soldiers were too much fatigued to be demonstrative at all. But, by all means the most satisfactory feature of the day was the absence of the band of detectives, who we had supposed were to be present in full force; indeed, the Universal Peace Society of the First Class had been detailed to look behind all the trees on the way to and from the Common if, perchance, they might find any spies, but none were discovered.

WE cannot help expressing our agreement with the statement made in the *Atlantic Monthly* by Mr. Greenough, in his article on "Admission Requirements to Harvard College," to the effect that the single hour granted for each of

the examinations in mathematics is not sufficient for students applying for admission. We think it must seem inconsistent even to the most successful mathematical scholars to give two hours to the examinations in Elementary Latin or Greek, and to confine each branch of the mathematics to one-half that time. The college authorities doubtless argue that the applicant should have so thorough knowledge of the subject as to be able to unravel the mysteries of any original problem and to know just what proposition is to be applied in that particular problem. But experience has taught a good many of us that, even if we do know accurately and completely the subject of geometry or algebra, the hour given the subject is scarcely sufficient to write down intelligibly and legibly what we do know, whereas, in the examinations in Elementary Latin or Greek, three-fourths of the allotted time is enough even for the most backward student. It is gratifying to know that at least one educator agrees with us school-boys in this matter, since our complaints will probably never reach the ears of the unsympathetic examiners.

THE numerous typographical errors in the programmes on May 25th were ludicrous and, in some cases, very unfortunate. It is rather hard for one who has been working all the year to secure glory at the Prize Drill to have his name omitted from the programme. We have found by experience that printers can be the most exasperating creatures imaginable.

In other respects the drill was a great success. The "pony" companies distinguished themselves. As Dr. Merrill remarked after the drill, if the smaller companies continue to excel as they have done for the last few years, some new arrangement about the distribution of prizes must be made. Co. G. was especially complimented by the judges, and Co. H. deserves credit for getting fourth place in the actual total of marks; while Co. E. must be condoled for securing third place in the total of marks, and yet not winning a prize.

AN ECHO FROM SALT LAKE.

My first impressions of Utah were not very pleasant. Some one has said that impressions depend very much on what one has for breakfast. Now in my case this was not strictly true, as my impressions were very much influenced by what I did *not* have for breakfast. At 3 A. M. we were awakened from a very unpleasant sleep at the hotel in Grand Junction, Colorado, where we had stopped over for the night to catch the morning train. Our sleep had been mostly a nightmare made realistic by the presence of numerous accommodating mosquitoes, who visited us without an invitation. But such a sleep as it was, it was better than shivering on a railroad car platform at three in the morning. We found the station with the aid of a few stray beams from the stars. From 3 A. M. until 6 we waited, without a bit of breakfast, for the train, which had gotten tired on the way and sat down to rest. We got into the train, and steamed and puffed away toward the land of the Mormons.

The whole eastern part of Utah is a desert of sand partially covered with low sage bushes. At intervals, we passed a few shanties, which they call towns out West, appropriately called "Solitude," "Desert Wilderness," etc. But when we neared Provost and the valley of Utah Lake the scenery was different. Utah Lake is a beautiful sheet of water hemmed in by mountains. The valley is fertile and cultivated. At Provost I for the first time tasted one of the famous Utah potatoes. These potatoes are the pride of the Mormon farmer and vary from three to six inches in diameter. One potato makes a meal for any ordinary man—I ate three.

After leaving Provost we went to Salt Lake City and arrived there about six in the evening. We were thrust into an immense barge at the station and driven to the hotel. I had my eyes open for Mormons all the time. I imagined that I should see a man walking along the street accompanied by sixteen or seventeen wives, but I was mistaken. On the morning after our arrival we made a visit to the Mormon Temple and the Tabernacle. These buildings stand in the centre of the city. The four streets surrounding these buildings

are named North, South, East, and West Temple. All of the other streets are reckoned from these, as Fourth West Temple, Second East Temple, etc. The temple is not yet completed, so we could not go through it. The tabernacle is an immense building with an arched roof. This roof is entirely unsupported by pillars; in fact, there is no visible means of support. The building is celebrated for its acoustic properties. It is over 200 feet long, yet we distinctly heard a pin drop, and whispering can be heard from one end to the other. The old Mormon who does these things for you has his pet phrase, which he uses on all occasions. He invariably says, "This is very wonderful; pass out on the left, please." All this is said in one breath. Patti sang in the Tabernacle when it was first built, and said it was the finest building for singing in which she had ever been. It contains an immense organ built entirely of native wood, and the organ is said to possess the finest *Vox Humana* in the country.

We went to the Tabernacle on Sunday, and saw some queer things. The officers of the church sit according to rank on a raised pulpit. In front of the pulpit was a bucket of water, to which people helped themselves whenever they were thirsty. It was Communion Sunday, and all true believers, even the smallest children, took part, while some people helped themselves two or three times. The remarks of the speakers consisted mainly in praise of the Mormons and condemnation of every one else. In fact, the whole service was unpleasant, and we were glad to get away.

If you go to Salt Lake City and don't go out to the lake, you miss the best thing there. Monday night is club night at the lake, and the *élite* of the city go out to bathe and afterwards to dance. We went out Monday night on the club train, but I must confess we were much disappointed with Salt Lake City's "400." But we were amply repaid for going, for the lake is so filled with salt that you can float around for hours. In fact, it is impossible to sink. We stayed in the water over two hours and did not catch cold. Diving is almost impossible, as one is blinded and choked by the salt, which collects on one's face in layers. The bottom is so level that you can walk

out a quarter of a mile without reaching water six feet deep. The Great Salt Lake is one of the few places where mountain and sea meet. There the mountains come clear down to the edge of the lake. The sunset coming over the mountain on the level sea makes a beautiful picture.

After enjoying ourselves at the lake, we started for the city. On the way back, we crossed the Jordan River, which is about sixty feet wide, but the Mormon Sunday-school children are taught that it is the largest river in the world. As I was sleeping with my head out the window, my hat blew off and I was forced to walk to the hotel bareheaded.

Much of the business interest in Salt Lake City is controlled by the church, and Zion's Co-operative Mercantile Union does the largest business. We were rather surprised to see such incongruous signs as the following:—

Zion's Meat Store.
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But they have an eye for business out West, and the Mormons know the tricks of the trade as well as the Gentiles. All the Mormons are forced to pay tithes to the church, and, as these consist of one-tenth of their income and every one has to pay, I imagine that the officers of the church have very lucrative positions. Although the Mormons say they are the only ones who have any chance for salvation, and that their persecutors, as they call the Gentiles, are outcasts, yet I must confess I am glad I am not one of the many descendants of the immortal Brigham and don't have to live in Salt Lake City.

J. D. S. '92.

NOTES.

THREE Latin School men played in the Harvard-Yale freshman game. They were Whittemore, 3d base; Dreyfus, left field; and Rogers, 1st base. Whittemore made one of the two runs which Harvard succeeded in making. He did not play his usual game throughout, and made one error which was decidedly costly. Dreyfus had extremely hard luck, especially when a fly of his, which looked like a good three-bagger, dropped a few inches

the wrong side of the foul line. Rogers played a faultless game at first, saving many balls which were thrown wild.

MANY of the fellows who passed the grammar school on Dartmouth Street on parade day wondered how many of those yelling children would, at some future time, come to the Latin School, and inwardly hoped that, in their own grammar school days, they had not been so noisily conspicuous as those small boys were.

THE *Globe* criticises the Drum Major for not wearing a belt. We need only say that the Drum Major had orders not to wear a belt for the simple reason that it would have been impossible to keep his jacket smooth. It seems to be hard enough to keep a jacket smooth when one has to move his arm comparatively little.

It has been suggested to cut out the pictures of the officers, which appeared in the papers on parade day, and hang them in the corridor for future generations to behold and admire

Good work! B. L. S. 16; Somerville, 7. Keep it up, boys, and we'll have another chance with "Hoppy."

Two translations have been suggested for "*fugiant examina taxos*" in Virgil's Eclogue; either "may they skip their examinations," or "may they skip their taxes."

E. A. REED and S. P. R. Chadwick, both B. L. S. '88, were contestants for the Boylston prizes in oratory at Sanders Theatre on May 11th. Reed took a second prize.

Carpent tua poma nepotes:—"Your grand-children will steal your apples."

At the first drawing for rooms at Harvard, no member of the First Class was successful. At the second drawing, Hewins and Knight secured a room. Bearse is going to room with Whitney, '90, and Starr with Hildreth, '89.

ANCIENT sign in amphitheatre at Rome :
Hic gelidi fontes ! This way for the ice-water !

TEACHER : "Those who don't see their mistakes, raise their hands." (To pupil raising his hand.) "What's your mistake ?"

Pupil : "I have n't any."

THE tennis tournament which was held on the new court in our school-yard is of no great significance, inasmuch as most of the best players defaulted before the end of the tournament. The following is the score :

Preliminary Round.

Lewis beat Stevens, 6-4, 6-1.
Parker beat Wood, by default.
Chipman beat Barnard, by default.
Snow beat Sweetser, 9-8, 6-3.
W. Edmunds beat Hovey, 2-6, 7-5, 6-1.
Beale beat G. Hollister, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2.
Horton beat Starr, 6-2, 6-1.
Fiske beat Williams, 6-1, 6-5.
Pagani beat Coggan, by default.
Hewins beat Pierce, 6-3, 6-4.
Wheeler beat Evans, 6-1, 6-2.
J. Edmunds beat Mead, 7-5, 6-2.
Abbott beat Morey, 6-4, 6-3.
Sprague beat Small, by default.
Johnson drew a bye.
Gibson drew a bye.

First Round.

Lewis beat Parker, 6-3, 5-6, 6-1.
Chipman beat Snow, 6-1, 6-1.
Beale beat W. Edmunds, 6-0, 6-4.
Fiske beat Horton, by default.
Hewins beat Pagani, 6-3, 6-0.
Wheeler beat J. Edmunds, 6-3, 6-4.
Abbott beat Johnson, 6-2, 6-3.
Sprague beat Gibson, by default.

Second Round.

Lewis beat Chipman, 6-1, 5-6, 9-7.
Beale beat Fiske, 6-2, 6-0.
Hewins beat Wheeler, by default.
Abbott beat Sprague, 6-0, 6-3.

Semi Finals.

Beale beat Lewis, 6-1, 6-0.
Hewins beat Abbott, by default.

Finals.

Beale beat Hewins, 6-4, 8-6.

BROWN and Nichols' ball team has withdrawn from the association. This withdrawal will lower a good many batting averages.

WE beg to change the prophecy for G——'s future life, with apologies to the class prophet. G—— now expects to be a porter in a bank, since the other day he translated *ripas lustrabo* by "I will scour the banks."

AT the tennis tournament at Harvard, the B. L. S. made a fairly satisfactory showing. The three men who entered were Gibson, G. C. Hollister, and Chipman. Gibson won two matches, and then was so unfortunate as to meet Chace of Providence, who proved to be the winner of the tournament. Gibson played a very pretty game, but was beaten 6-2, 6-0. Hollister met Chace of Waltham in the first round, who was one of the best players in the tournament, and was defeated. Chipman played a very exciting match with Nowell, and it required three sets to determine the winner. Nowell won the match, which was viewed by a large number of spectators ; among them was Professor White, who is himself an excellent player.

TEACHER : "Where is there another place in which there is conversion to heat ?"

Makropodes : "In Hades, I think."

MACKIE, B. L. S., '90, won second place in the shot-put at the Harvard spring games. Merrill and Whittier, '90, were on their class team in the team-race, and came in second.

THE following encomium upon our gallant lieutenant-colonel is taken from a recent *Post*. It is not known whether any remuneration was given the writer either before or after the article was written, but we can assure our readers that we do not get any pay for quoting it in these columns.

"Young Lieut.-Col. Hollister of the Boston School Regiment is one of the Latin School's brightest young men. His family are quite well to do. Mr. Hollister is not one who 'parades' his accomplishments, however. Retiring and very modest, he does his work quietly, quickly, and accurately, and in military drill he is the same. He has a commanding figure, and marched at the head of his regiment yesterday a few steps behind the colonel with the grace of one of the 'Queen's Own.'"

MR. BATEMANS, the present teacher of the out-of-course division of the fifth class, entered this school in 1877. In 1883, while in the first class, he left for the Freshman class of Tuft's College, and graduated in 1887. For the next two years and a half he was principal of the Kingston High School. Last year he was second assistant in the Scientific Department of the Providence High School. He is at present attending the Harvard Medical School, and taught French and advanced algebra in the Boston Evening High School last winter.

LIEUT. CORNISH, military instructor at the Massachusetts Agricultural College, who was a judge at our prize drill, is a graduate of the B. L. S. and of West Point. While in this school he was a pale-faced non-driller," and, as one of our teachers remarked the other day, probably had little thought of becoming a military instructor.

THE invitations to the Prize Declamation at Tremont Temple are unusually pretty and reflect great credit on the committee. They are simple, consisting of a card with a tasty design in brown. The usual Greek goddesses are, we are happy to say, conspicuous by their absence.

THE Prize Reading was held in the library, May 25th.

BASE-BALL.

HOPKINSON—BOSTON LATIN.

The first championship game was played on Friday, May 6, with Hopkinson's nine, at the South End grounds. When time was called on account of rain in the eleventh inning the score was four to four. The school deserves credit for the crowd they furnished, for they made plenty of noise and were long-winded about it. One of the most pleasing features of the game was the universal satisfaction that the umpires gave, and if our coming games are blessed with such fine ones as we had on the sixth, we shall be lucky.

The Latin boys were on the field early and engaged in interesting practice. They soon gave way to "Hoppy's" players, who also went

through some preliminary work. Everybody recognized "Hoppy's" pitcher Paul, the old Latin School ball player, while Jim Shea did noble work for the "Hoppy" crowd by his athletic directing of their cheering. The Latin School took their outs. Twombly had a somewhat lame arm but, nevertheless, he was a Chinese puzzle to most of "Hoppy's" batsmen.

Fairchild, of foot-ball fame, was the first one at the bat. He hit one of Twombly's best curves to Rand. The next man got a base on errors, and Paul made a single. Paul was thrown out at second and Russell made the third out. O'Malley opened for B. L. S. with a single, but was caught off base a few moments afterwards. Rand hit to first and was an easy out. Small was caught out on a fly. E. Paine got a base on balls, Garrison struck out, and Paine was prettily caught in his attempt to steal second. C. Paine struck out. Beale made a hit, stole second, and then easily stole third. Rogers got a base on balls and stole second. Slattery struck out, and Wilson hit an easy one to Paul and took his seat. Beale attempted to score on the play, but was out at the plate. Two innings and no runs. Doyle made a hit but was thrown out at second. Fairchild struck out. T. Stevenson got his base on balls and reached second on a ball. Paul reached first on an error, and Stevenson took third. Paul stole second and both runners scored on B. Stevenson's hit to left field. Russell made the third out. B. L. S. failed to score in their half. "Hoppy" went out in order in the fourth, while the Latin School scored three runs. Rand opened with a hit, and went to third on Small's hit and a wild throw by G. Paine. Beale showed that he knew the game by sacrificing, and both runners scored on a wild pitch. Rogers got his base on balls and took second on an error. Slattery hit to Paul, who fielded Rogers out at third. Wilson reached base on an error, Slattery taking second. Lewis made a base hit, and advanced the runners a base, and Slattery scored a moment afterwards on a passed ball. Twombly hit a fly to Garrison, who made a beautiful running catch.

The score was now three to two in favor of Latin School and the boys were wild with delight. In the fifth both sides were retired

in one-two-three order. "Hoppy" in her half of the sixth made two hits but failed to score. B. L. S. were retired in order. In the seventh, Twombly struck out two men and retired the side without runs. O'Malley made a hit in the seventh, but his example was not followed, and no runs were scored. "Hoppy" tied the score in the eighth. After two were out Russell reached first on an error, although Twombly had three strikes on him, and scored on three other errors. B. L. S. went out in order in their half. "Hoppy" took the lead in the ninth. C. Paine fled out. Doyle got first on an error and three other errors scored him. About this time Hopkinson's team seemed pretty well broken up. Our boys tied the score in their half. Wilson got his base on an error, Stevenson dropping an easy fly. Lewis came to the rescue with a single, and Twombly waited and got his base, filling the bases. O'Malley now made his third hit of the day, a rattling two-bagger, but it was so finely fielded by Garrison that only Wilson could score. Neither side scored in the tenth, and time was called with "Hoppy" at the bat with one out and a man on base. Time was called on account of rain.

Both sides came near getting the game several times. "Hoppy" found it very difficult to touch Twombly, making but five hits, all of them singles. Paul pitched well, but was hit for eight hits with a total of nine. Twombly struck out ten men, Paul three. Lewis deserves credit for continuing to run, thus getting his base on what seemed a sure out. Players too often slow up, when it seems to them hopeless to continue. Beale's base running was of the first order, and the work of the outfield was perfect. O'Malley's throwing to second was especially fine. The boys should have had the game, but it will be no loss for either side. It has been indefinitely postponed. The following is the score:—

BOSTON LATIN.

	A. B.	R.	B.	T. B.	P. O.	A.	R.
O'Malley, c.....	5	0	3	3	10	5	3
Rand, r.f.....	5	1	1	1	1	1	0
Small, 2b.....	5	1	1	1	5	2	1
Beale, 3b.....	4	0	1	1	1	1	1
Rogers, s.s.....	2	0	0	0	1	1	1
Slattery, 1b.....	4	1	0	0	7	0	1
Wilson, l.f.....	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Lewis, c.f.....	4	0	2	2	1	0	0
Twombly, p.....	3	0	0	0	1	13	0
Totals.....	36	4	8	8	27	23	7

HOPKINSONS.

	A. B.	R.	B.	T. B.	P. O.	A.	R.
Fairchild, c.....	5	0	0	0	4	1	0
T. Stevenson, 2b.....	3	1	0	0	1	3	1
Paul, p.....	5	1	1	1	2	7	0
B. Stevenson, 3b.....	5	0	1	1	2	1	1
Russell, 1b.....	4	1	1	1	11	1	2
G. Paine, r.f.....	2	0	1	1	1	0	1
Garrison, c.f.....	4	0	0	0	2	0	0
C. Paine, l.f.....	3	0	0	0	2	0	0
Doyle, s.s.....	4	1	1	1	2	0	0
Totals.....	35	4	5	5	27	13	5
Innings.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Hopkinsons.....	0	0	2	0	0	0	1
Boston Latins.....	0	0	0	3	0	0	0

Sacrifice hits—Beale, Slattery. Stolen bases—T. Stevenson, Paul, G. Paine (2), Beale (2), Rogers (2). First base on balls—T. Stevenson (2), G. Paine (2), C. Paine, Rogers (2), Twombly. First base on errors—Hopkinsons, 4; Boston Latins, 4. Left on bases—Hopkinsons, 7; Boston Latins, 9. Struck out—Fairchild (2), T. Stevenson (2), Paul, Garrison (3), E. Paine, Doyle, Rand, Slattery, Wilson. Passed balls—O'Malley, 2. Wild pitches—Paul, 2; Twombly, 3. Time—2h. 15m. Umpires—Highlands and Cornish.

BOSTON LATIN, 16; SOMERVILLE HIGH, 7.

B. L. S.'s standing among the clubs has been somewhat doubtful on account of tied and postponed games, but now by winning the game on the 17th, something definite has been done. Somerville came so near beating "Hoppy" that there was no fun in it, and now Latin School beats Somerville 16 to 7. This shows what a large element of luck there was in our "Hoppy" game in favor of "Hoppy." We seemed to have no trouble in hitting the Somerville pitcher, and to give a Latin man first base meant that he would be on third directly. Why! they ran around the bases regardless of either pitcher or catcher, and the way that Beale and Lewis slid along the base lines was appalling. Lewis had not the least trouble in putting the ball where he pleased, and his two-bagger in the fourth was a splendid one. O'Malley, Small, Beale, and Slattery hit the ball hard.

Latin School got their outs and McCarthy, Somerville's first batter, made a base-hit and stole second with the help of a high throw by O'Malley. Gill got his base on balls. McCarthy stole third and Pope had three strikes, but O'Malley dropped the ball, and, while he threw the runner out at first, McCarthy scored. Immediately the Somerville crowd began to make an unearthly noise, but they were soon to sober down. Bradley struck out, and Solomon knocked a fly out to Twombly. B. L. S. opened the game exactly as Somerville had. The first man, O'Malley, naturally made a hit and Rand got his base on balls. O'Malley proceeded at once to steal second

and third; Small hit the ball out for a single, while O'Malley scored and Rand took third. Such hitting was contagious, and Beale took a hand at it and scored Rand and Small with a single. The next three men went out in order. It was now Latin's turn to yell, but unfortunately the school was represented by only the members of the fifth and sixth classes with perhaps fifteen from the upper classes. Right here in these columns we severely reprimand the school for the small crowd at the game. Let it not happen again. Hunt opened the second for Somerville by getting a base on balls. He stole second aided by a high throw, but fooled off base too much and was thrown out. Cotter struck out and Morris hit a fly to Lewis. B. L. S. got two men on base in her half, but could not score. Lewis made a hit and was thrown out at second. Twombly hit to second and took his seat, O'Malley reached base on an error, and Rand flew out. In the third, Somerville got two men on bases but did not score.

It was in the Latin's half of this inning that bases on balls, glaring errors, and timely hitting settled the game beyond a doubt in favor of B. L. S. Latin School scored seven runs, and this is how they did it. Small opened with a hit and stole second. Beale made a base hit and Small scored. Beale stole second, Rogers got a base on an error, Slattery got a base on an error, and Beale scored. Rogers and Slattery both stole bases, and Wilson got a base on an error, while Rogers and Slattery scored. Lewis and Twombly got their bases on balls. This filled the bases and all three men scored on errors. The next three men went out in order. In the fourth Somerville couldn't score. In the Latin's half the boys went to work again. A base on balls, numerous errors, and a rattling two-bagger by Lewis added four runs more to the score. In the fifth, Somerville braced up and, with two bases on balls and two hits, scored three runs. Latin School went out in order in her half. Wilson took Twombly's place in the sixth, as Twombly wished to save his arm for the High School game on Saturday. Both teams failed to score in the sixth, and Somerville were retired without runs in the seventh. A base on an error and a two-

bagger by O'Malley brought in a run for Latin School in her half. Three men were struck out by Wilson in the eighth. In their half, B. L. S. scored but one run though they made three hits. Wilson was put out at the plate, and Twombly and O'Malley failed to reach first. In the ninth a base on balls, an error, and a hit gave Somerville a couple of runs. To save the scorers trouble and the Somerville pitcher pain, B. L. S. did not use their half of the ninth.

But three hits were made off Twombly in five innings, and one off Wilson in the remaining four. The game was a long one, lasting two hours and forty minutes, and was marred somewhat by the number of errors. McCarthy did the best batting for Somerville, making half of their hits, which consisted of four. Twombly and Wilson struck out ten men.

BOSTON LATIN.

	A.B.	R.	B.	T.B.	P.O.	A.	E.
O'Malley, c.....	5	2	2	3	11	2	1
Rand, r.f., l.f.....	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Small, 2b.....	5	2	2	2	4	1	1
Beale, 3b.....	5	2	2	2	3	1	0
Rogers, s.s.....	4	2	0	0	0	2	0
Katsmann, s.s.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Slattery, 1b.....	5	3	2	2	6	1	1
Wilson, l.f., p.....	5	1	0	0	1	8	0
Lewis, c.f.....	4	2	3	4	1	0	0
Twombly, p., r.f.....	5	1	1	1	1	8	2
Totals.....	43	16	12	14	27	23	7

SOMERVILLE HIGHS.

	A.B.	R.	B.	T.B.	P.O.	A.	E.
McCarthy, l.f., p.....	4	3	2	2	0	4	1
Gill, s.s.....	3	1	0	0	2	3	4
Pote, c.....	5	1	1	1	6	4	1
Bradley, p., l.f.....	5	0	0	0	0	1	1
Solomon, r.f.....	4	0	1	1	0	1	0
Hunt, 3b.....	2	0	0	0	2	0	1
Cotter, 1b.....	4	0	0	0	8	0	0
Morris, c.f., 2b.....	3	1	0	0	5	4	1
Ralph, 2b.....	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Dole, c.f.....	2	1	0	0	0	0	1
Totals.....	32	7	4	4	24	18	10

Innings.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Boston Latins.....	3	0	7	4	0	0	1	1	..
Somerville Highs.....	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	2

Earned runs—Boston Latins, 4; Somervilles, 1. Two-base hits—O'Malley, Lewis. Sacrifice hits—Pote, Wilson. Stolen bases—McCarthy (3), Gill, Bradley, Hunt, Morris, Dole, Small (2), Beale (4), Wilson, Lewis. First base on balls—by Twombly, 6; by Wilson, 2; by Bradley, 3. First base on errors—Boston Latins, 7; Somervilles, 4. Struck out—By Twombly, 7; by Wilson, 4; by Bradley, 1; by McCarthy, 2. Double play—Pote and Hunt. Passed balls—O'Malley, 1; Pote, 3. Wild pitches—Bradley, 2; McCarthy, 1. Time—2h. 45m. Umpire—Ware.

THE "ILIAD OF THE EAST."

Every great nation of antiquity has had its illustrious hero or heroes, whose wonderful exploits have been the theme of numberless ballads; or, perhaps, has had some great event in its history which has given rise to innumerable legends regarding it and the heroes

who participated in it; and almost every nation has had some great poet who has united these ballads and legends into one great poem called an epic. These epics are, in a manner, the traditional history of these nations. The Greeks have their *Iliad* and *Odyssey*, the Romans their *Aeneid*, the Germans their *Nibelungenlied*, the English have their tales of the Knights of the Round Table, the Chinese their *Shi King*, the Hindoos their *Ramayana* and *Mahabharata*, and the Persians their *Shah Nameh*. Let us glance at the *Shah Nameh*, the great Persian epic.

This poem, aptly called the "*Iliad of the East*," was written about 1000 A. D. by Firdausi, the greatest of the Persian poets. Firdausi, or, more fully, Abul Kasim Hasan ibn Sharaf Shah Firdausi Tusi, was born at Tus, a city of Khorassan, about 940 A. D., and died in 1020. He was of very humble parentage, his father being governor on the domain of the governor of Tus. Firdausi early exhibited so great genius for poetry that he resolved to cultivate it to the highest extent. He was fortunate in living at such an age when his talents could best be displayed. At that time Sultan Mahmud Sabuktugin was king of Persia; that illustrious conqueror, whose restless ambition had extended his dominions from the Tigris to the Ganges and from the mountains of Tartary to the Indian Ocean, in order to augment still further the glories of his reign, projected a history of the kings of

Persia, which he wished to have put into verse. It was about this time that Firdausi, whose fame as a poet had already preceded him, came to the capital. There he gave such proofs of his genius, and gained such high esteem, that he was appointed to put this history into verse. The composition of this great poem—it is, indeed, great, for it contains no less than 60,000 couplets—cost him the labor of over thirty years. How well he fulfilled the task entrusted to him can be seen from this: that the poem he produced has already outlived eight centuries with undimmed lustre. It entitled him to be called the "*Homer of the East*."

Firdausi is the most finished of the Persian poets, and ranks among the greatest of the Oriental poets. His verse is exquisitely smooth and flowing, and is never interrupted by harsh and inverted constructions. He is, perhaps, the sweetest, as well as the most sublime, of Persian poets. In grandeur he is far above all, but he is always simple and unaffected; this, too, when the Persian style is well known to be an excess of ornament and inflation; in addition to all this, he possesses much of the energy and grace of our own western poets. As I have already said, Firdausi is called the "*Homer of the East*," but it must not be thought that it is from any consideration of placing the Greek and Persian together in the same scale of excellence. Each can be more properly looked on as the best of

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his own country. The resemblance between their works is great; both drew their images from nature itself, and both possessed in an eminent degree that rich and creative genius which is the very soul of poetry. But let us glance at the Shah Nameh by itself.

The Shah Nameh is what is generally called an epic poem; but it is more—it is, as I have said, a history in rhyme. It comprises the annals and achievements of the ancient kings of Persia from Kaumers, who is regarded as the Adam of the fire-worshippers, down to the invasion and conquest of the empire by the Saracens in 636—a period of over 3,600 years. In this poem, as in the poems of Homer, a rude age is described, when personal strength and ferocious courage were chiefly valued, and when the passions of the mind had not been softened by civilization or brought under the control of reason. This poem, describing such an age, abounds in adventures of the wildest and most romantic sort, and in prodigious feats of strength.

In this series of romantic adventures which constitutes the Shah Nameh the principal hero is Rustem. He is born during the reign of Minuchihir, and it is not till some centuries afterwards that he is treacherously killed.

During his long career this prodigy of strength, piety, and valor did many wonderful deeds, and the poem abounds in many splendid episodes. Perhaps the favorite episode is that of Sohrab. This displays the force and spirit with which Firdausi's outlines are traced and his coloring supplied. Sohrab, the sub-



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part of the sketch, is the son of Rustem by a princess whom he married in one of his travels. Rustem did not remain very long with his bride after his marriage, but returned to Persia. From youth upward Sohrab displayed marvellous strength, and, when but fourteen years of age, was equal to his father in prowess. All this, however, was unknown to Rustem, for, to an embassy which he had sent to enquire with respect to his offspring, the mother, Tahmineh, fearing lest her son should be taken away from her, had said that she had given birth to a daughter. The fond Tahmineh vainly hoped that in this way she might keep her son, whom she dearly loved, to herself.

As soon as Sohrab had learned his parentage from his mother, confident in his great strength and courage, and desiring to place his father upon the Persian throne, he finally declared his intention of going to Persia to seek his father. The crafty king, Sohrab's grandfather, hoping that in this way he would gain possession of the Persian kingdom, raised a large army to assist Sohrab in his undertaking. He placed his two most trustworthy generals in command of this army, and especially enjoined upon them not to show Sohrab his father—for thus he planned and hoped that the father and son would meet in battle, unknown to each other, and that Sohrab would kill his father. On arriving in Persia, the army found the Persian hosts awaiting it. Before the battle, Sohrab challenged Kaius, the Persian king, to single combat; but, afraid to fight against him, Kaius called upon Rustem to oppose Sohrab. Then Rustem, ignorant of the true state of affairs, went forth to fight his son; while Sohrab, who had been kept in ignorance by the generals, did not recognize his father. They met, and during the whole of that day fought and struggled in vain. The next day they met again in single combat, and for a long time they fought without either gaining any advantage over the other. At length, in wrestling together, Sohrab overthrew

his father, but spared his life. Then, again, since night had come on, they parted. Before this parting, however, Sohrab, who seemed to feel that he was contending against his own father, implored Rustem to cease from further strife, and asked him his name. To both requests Rustem turned a deaf ear. The next day they met for the last time, for Rustem, deeply moved by his defeat of the previous day, had prayed for and received invincible strength; so that Sohrab was finally overthrown, and Rustem, still fearing him, plunged his dagger into him. It was then that from the lips of the dying Sohrab he learned that he had killed his own son.

We conclude with one or two selections from the portion of Shah Nameh referring to this story. The first is the words of Sohrab starting for Persia:

"Even now I will oppose the Tartar host,
Whate'er their numbers—Kaius shall be hurled
From his imperial throne, and Tus subdued—
To Rustem I will give the crown and sceptre,
And place him on the seat, whence Kaius ruled
His myriad subjects—I will seize the throne
Of stern Afrasiyab; my javelin's point
Shall pierce the Heaven of Heavens. And since 'tis so—
Between my glorious father and myself,
No crowned tyrant shall remain unpunished."

This next selection, descriptive of the wrestling bout between Rustem and Sohrab, is especially interesting, and challenges comparison with some of Homer's warlike sketches:

"And now they meet—now rise and now descend,
And strong and fierce their arms extend;
Wrestling with all their strength they grasp and strain,
And blood and sweat flow copious on the plain;
Like raging elephants they furious close;
Commotual wounds are given, and wrenching blows.
Sohrab now claps his hands and forward springs
Impatiently, and round the champion clings;
Seizes his girdle belt, with power to tear
The very earth asunder; in despair
Rustem, defeated, feels his nerves give way,
And thundering falls. Sohrab bestrides his prey;
Grim as the lion, prowling through the wood,
Upon a wild ass springs, and pants for blood."

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